

(2) fails to retain and make available to the commission, on request, copies of all price lists, written notices, embalming documents, and memoranda of agreement required by this chapter for two years after the date of distribution or signing;

(3) violates this chapter, a rule adopted under this chapter, an order by the commission revoking, suspending, or probating a license, an order assessing an administrative penalty, or an agreement to pay an administrative penalty;

(4) allows the use of a dead human body by an embalming establishment for research or educational purposes without complying with Section 651.407; ~~or~~

(5) is associated with a funeral establishment, whether as an employee, agent, subcontractor, assignee, owner, or otherwise, and fails to comply with this chapter or a rule adopted under this chapter; *or*

(6) *knowingly violates Section 711.002(l), Health and Safety Code.*

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

Passed the Senate on April 23, 2015: Yeas 30, Nays 0; passed the House on May 22, 2015: Yeas 140, Nays 0, two present not voting.

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**REQUIREMENT THAT THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE
CONDUCT A STUDY REGARDING THE USE OF WIND OR
SOLAR POWER TO DESALINATE BRACKISH
GROUNDWATER**

CHAPTER 620

S.B. No. 991

AN ACT

relating to a requirement that the General Land Office conduct a study regarding the use of wind or solar power to desalinate brackish groundwater.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS. In this Act:

(1) "Development board" means the Texas Water Development Board.

(2) "Land office" means the General Land Office.

SECTION 2. STUDY. (a) The land office in consultation with the development board shall conduct a study regarding the use of wind or solar power to desalinate brackish groundwater on real property owned by the state.

(b) The land office and the development board may request data from any state agency in conducting the study. An agency receiving a request under this subsection shall provide the requested data.

(c) The land office may coordinate with a research division of a university in conducting the study.

SECTION 3. REPORT. (a) Not later than December 31, 2016, the land office shall report the results of the study conducted under this Act to the governor and the legislature.

(b) The report described by this section may not disclose information that is excepted from the requirements of Section 552.021, Government Code.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE NORTH FORT BEND WATER AUTHORITY

CHAPTER 621

S.B. No. 1051

AN ACT

relating to the powers and duties of the North Fort Bend Water Authority.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 8813.006, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

(g) Notwithstanding any provision of this section or other law, no territory may be annexed into or added to the authority that, at the time of annexation or addition, is located within the boundaries of both:

(1) another regional water authority created under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution; and

(2) a subsidence district.

SECTION 2. Section 8813.101, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(e) The authority is not a special water authority for purposes of Chapter 49, Water Code.

SECTION 3. Section 8813.104(b), Special District Local Laws Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The authority may [shall] provide each district or municipality within its boundaries information regarding the share of the capital costs to be paid by the district or municipality, as determined by the authority, and may [shall] provide each district or municipality the opportunity, in a manner and by a procedure determined by the authority, to fund its share of the capital costs with proceeds from the sale of bonds or fees and charges collected by the districts or municipalities. A district or municipality may use any lawful source of revenue, including bond funds, to pay any sums due to the authority.

SECTION 4. Except as provided by this Act, the North Fort Bend Water Authority retains all the rights, powers, privileges, authority, duties, and functions that it had before the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 5. (a) The legislature validates and confirms all acts and proceedings of the board of directors of the North Fort Bend Water Authority that were taken before the effective date of this Act.

(b) Subsection (a) of this section does not apply to any matter that on the effective date of this Act:

(1) is involved in litigation if the litigation ultimately results in the matter being held invalid by a final judgment of a court; or

(2) has been held invalid by a final judgment of a court.